

**MEETING MINUTES
VETERAN'S COMMISSION
AUGUST 14, 11:00 A.M.**

**El Cajon Police Department, Community Meeting Room, First Floor
100 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA 92020**

CALL TO ORDER

Veteran's Commission Chair Dorsey calls the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL X Dorsey X Dunlap X Kagan X Lewis X Sink

MINUTES –

July 10, 2013 meeting minutes reviewed, motion to approve by Commissioner Kagan, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, carried unanimously.

AGENDA CHANGES - NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Veteran Oriented Specialized Art Class Funding, Grossmont College SVO, (Chair Dorsey)***
Overall question, clarification and review of the program offered by SVO. Reiteration of previous meeting recommendation to support SVO with an endorsement from the Veteran's Commission to be forwarded to the City of El Cajon City Council.

2. **Presentation by Lori Brown, aide to State Senator Joel Anderson's and Donna Woodrum from the American Culture Council**
Presentation of "Celebration of Service", a program sponsored by American Culture Council, Inc. and Home Depot to support veterans through rehab and refurbish of Veteran-owned homes. Request for information distribution by the Veteran's Commission amongst the veteran organizations to identify eligible participants and volunteers. Motion to support, endorse and recommend this organization and program to various veteran organizations by Commissioner Sink, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, carried unanimously.

3. **Update on Veterans Day Observance and Centennial Farewell Event for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 (Sub-Committee & RSM Carson)**
Commissioners Kagan and Lewis, and RSM Frank Carson presentation of latest plans and preparations for veteran participation in the Centennial Farewell. Motion to coordinate with RSM Carson to obtain exclusive POW/MIA Ceremony accoutrements, to be used for Veteran's Commission events rather than borrow from other organizations by Commissioner Sink, seconded by Commissioner Kagan, carried unanimously.

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4. Report on how many City employees are US Armed Forces Veterans (Lewis & RSM Carson)

RSM Carson reported that information obtained from the City of El Cajon Human Resource Department indicated there are seven individuals that currently utilize the Veteran Leave Act but exact veteran information is not monitored. He also reported that veterans are actively recruited by the City of El Cajon and currently there are ten in the background check stage of preliminary hire for the Police Department.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Purple Heart Day Observance (Chair Dorsey)***
Report that the City of El Cajon is now considered a Purple Heart City. Chair Dorsey shared his meeting with a recent Purple Heart recipient.
- 2. Revised Municipal Code for Veterans Commission (RSM Carson)***
Information from Commissioner Sink regarding her participation on the Veteran's Commission. Motion to recommend City Council amend the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Kagan, carried unanimously.
- 3. U.S.S. Midway 2013 Reunion and Fleet Week San Diego 2013 Information (Commissioner Kagan)**
- 4. America on Main Street (RSM Carson)**
Information and invitation to Veteran's Commission to attend the planning meeting on September 30, 2013.
- 5. Kaboom (RSM Carson)**
Presentation of information regarding the Kaboom Grant to update community park playground. Potential information request and/or comments may be upcoming.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

1. Commissioner Sink motioned to include the development of a Veteran's Commission Mission Statement during the next commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, carried unanimously.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

September 11, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.

OBSERVANCE OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chair Dorsey, seconded, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.